

NOTICE TO BAR

On March 26, 2009, the Supreme Court of the United States approved amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, designed to remove inconsistency and unnecessary complications associated with the computation of time periods in the Rules. On May 7, 2009, the Statutory Time Period Technical Amendments Act of 2009 was enacted. The law adjusts the time periods in 28 statutes, including nine sections of the Bankruptcy Code, which are impacted by the upcoming federal rule changes. Both the statutory and rules changes will take effect on December 1, 2009.

The following is a brief summary of the time computation changes in the rules:

- The amended rules count intermediate weekends and holidays for all time periods. Most short periods have been extended to offset the shift in the time computation rules and to ensure that each period is reasonable.
- Periods shorter than 30 days were revised to multiples of 7 days. Under the revised rules:
 - 5-day periods become 7-day periods
 - 10-day periods and 15-day periods become 14-day periods (for example, the 15-day deadline for filing schedules, statements and a chapter 13 plan is shortened to 14 days)
 - 20-day periods become 21-day periods
 - 25-day periods become 28-day periods.

The Court will enter a Standing Order incorporating these rule amendments into the Local Rules and active Standing/General/Administrative Orders. The Standing Order will be posted on the Court's website once it is entered.

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